



HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM
A S S O C I A T I O N

August 23, 2021

The Honorable David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i
Executive Chambers
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Aloha Governor Ige,

I am writing to request a meeting with our coalition of nonprofit organizations, labor unions, trade associations, local businesses, and community and tourism industry stakeholders to discuss your recent announcement requesting that nonessential travel to cease through the end of October. You previously met with this group regarding House Bill 862, and I hope that you will extend us the same consideration now.

We feel strongly that, with the overwhelming majority of new COVID-19 infections occurring via community transmission, now is not the time to curtail travel to our state. We have worked tirelessly to restore the hospitality and tourism industry in a healthy and safe manner, and it would be highly unfortunately to roll back this progress now. Please allow us the opportunity to illustrate exactly why this is so and to provide you with other possible courses of action to maintain travel while also stopping the spread of the latest surge of the pandemic.

If you are available to meet with our coalition via Zoom, please let me know as soon as possible. You may contact me directly at any time via email at mhannemann@hawaiilodging.org or via phone at (808) 479-1325.

Sincerely,

Mufi Hannemann
President & CEO
Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association